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S E C R E T LUSAKA 1435

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PINT, PO
SUBJ: GOP MISAPPREHENSION ABOUT PRC IN MOZAMBIQUE

REF: LISBON 2903

1. WE ARE STRUCK BY REFERENCE OF PORTUGUESE MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION DR. ANTONIO DE ALMEIDA SANTOS TO AMBASSADOR SCOTT TO "POSSIBLE INTERVENTION IN MOZAMBIQUE BY AFRICAN NEIGHBORS ABETTED BY PRC." IF REFERENCE INTENDED APPLY TO ZAMBIA, THIS IS COMPLETE MISREADING OF THIS COUNTRY'S POLITICAL AND MILITARY INTENTIONS. IT IS NOT FIRST TIME PORTUGUESE APPEAR TO SEE BOOGYMEN WHERE THEY DO NOT EXIST. I LEAVE TO MY COLLEAGUE, AMBASSADOR CARTER, TO COMMENT ON MILITARISTIC DESIGNS ON PART OF TANZANIA, EVEN THOUGH SUSPICIONS MAY RUN STRONG BECAUSE BOTH COUNTRIES RECEIVING TRAINING SUPPORT FROM PRC, AND TANZANIA RECEIVING EQUIPMENT AS WELL.

2. EQUALLY DISTURBING WAS BELIEF EXPRESSED BY PORTUGUESE
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TO SECRETARY IN AZORES JUNE 19 (LISBON 2584) THAT THERE IS

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SOME KIND OF DEAL BETWEEN TANZANIA AND PRC WHEREBY TANZANIA WILL TAKE ER NORTHERN MOZAMBIA WITH ASSISTANCE OF UNSPECIFIED NATURE FROM CHINA. TANZANIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN ZAMBIA, WHO CLAIMS CLOSENESS TO PRESIDENT NYERERE, CATEGORICALLY DENIED THIS TO ME (MEMCON OF JUNE 25, POUCHED AF/E, DAR AND LONDON).

3. FEEL WE DO GRAVE DISSERVICE NOT ONLY TO ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA BUT TO PORTUGUESE AS WELL BY LISTENKNGHTO SQRH STATEMENTS WITHOUT QUESTION OR COMMENT AS TO BASIS IN FACTVM WOULD APPEAR PORTUGUESE HAVE BEEN INDOCTRINATED BY SOUTH AXRICAN PREJUDICMSAND FEARS OF YELLOW PERIL.

4. MOST USEFUL SERVICES USG COULD PERFORM DURING DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS AHEAD FOR SELF-DETERMINATION IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES IS, W RE POSSIBLE, TO RELIEVE INTERESTED PARTIES OF UNFOUNDED FARS AND DOUBTS ABOUT OTHERS' INTENTIONS AND ULTIMATE RELIANCE IN ORDER AVOID MISCALCULATIONS COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY SMITH WARNED ABOUT (LUSAKA 1426 -- NOTAL).
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